

# NOTES

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### MOLOCH THE KING

I CANNOT leave the evidence for the sacred character of Jewish Moloch kings<sup>1</sup> without mentioning a suggestion which was made to me by P<sup>erhaps</sup> my friend and teacher the Rev. Professor R. H. Kennett. He i<sup>^111™\*</sup> thinks that Moloch, to whom first-born children were burnt by their regarded parents in the valley of Hinnom, outside the walls of Jerusalem,<sup>2 as an</sup> may have been originally the human king regarded as an incarnate ^ty^° deity. Certainly the name of Moloch, or rather Molech (for so it is always written in the Massoretic text<sup>3</sup>), is merely a slightly dis-

<sup>1</sup> See above, vol. i. pp. 17 sqq. the laws is abundant and unambiguous  
 " 'J/it' Dying Cod, pp. 168 sqq. ; that the victims were slain and burnt  
 G. F. Moore, in *Encyclopaedia Biblica*, as a holocaust" (G. 'F. Moore, in s. 7j. "Molech." The phrase trans-*Encyclopaedia Biblica*, iii. 3184).  
 kited " make pass through the fire to Similarly Principal J. Skinner trans-  
 Molech" (2 Kings xxiii. 10) means lates the phrase in 2 Kings xvi. 3 by  
 properly, Professor Kennett tells me, "dedicated his son by fire," and re-  
 " make to pass over by means of fire marks that the expression, "whatever  
 to Molech,"<sup>13</sup> where the verb has the its primary sense may be, undoubtedly  
 sense of "make over to," "dedicate," denoted actual burning" (commentary  
 "devote," as appears from its use in on Kings in *The Century Bible*.).  
 Exodus xiii. 12 ("set apart," English The practice would seem to have been  
 Version) and Kr.ekiel xx. 26. That very ancient at Jerusalem, for tradition  
 the children were not; made simply to placed the attempted burnt-sacrifice of  
 pass through the fire, but were burned Isaac by his father Abraham on Mount  
 in it, is shewn by a comparison of 2 Moriah, which was no other than  
 Kings xvi. 3, xxiii. 10, Jeremiah Mount Zion, the site of the king's  
 xxxiL 35, with 2 Chronicles xxviii. 3, palace and of the temple of Jehovah.  
 Jeremiah vii. 31, xix. 5. As to the See Genesis xxii. i-iS ; 2 Chronicles  
 use of the verb Tnyn in the sense of iii. i;  
 ^T&cnzmgWiHebraiscJieArchao-  
<sup>41</sup> dedicate," "devote," see G. F. *logic* (Freiburg i. Baden and Leipsic,  
 Moore, v. 7». " Molech," *Encyclopaedia* 1894), pp. 45, 233 ; T. K. Cheyne,  
*ttiklica*, iii. 3184; F. Brown, S. R. s.v. " Moriah," *Encyclopaedia Btblica*,  
 Driver, and C. A. Briggs, *Hebrew* iii. 3200 jy.  
*ami K-english Lexicon of the Old "Jesta-* <sup>3</sup> Leviticus xviii. 21, xx. ^ 2-5 ; I  
 went (Oxford, 1906), p. 718. "The Kings xi. 7; 2 Kings xxiii. 10:  
 testimony of both the prophets and Jeremiah xxxii. 35.